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Thomas W. Astle) Art Unit: 1632
Serial No. 09/460,107)
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Title: CONTINUOUS POLYMERASE CHAIN)
REACTION PROCESS WITH)
MULTIPLE TEMPERATURE)
STATIONS)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the following patent document
which is listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

US Patent No. 5,508,197, issued April 16, 1996,
describes a batch, multiple station, polymerase chain
reaction system that uses water at controlled temperatures
to heat microtiter plates disposed at the stations.

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